SEC. 58. POLICY REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY IRAN.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Congress and several successive Presidential administrations have long sought to prevent Iran from ever acquiring a nuclear weapon.

(2) It is currently estimated that Iran is almost to the point of having enough highly-enriched nuclear material to produce a nuclear weapon, if further enriched.

(3) On March 3, 2020, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General reported to the Agency’s Board of Governors that nuclear material was found at three previously undisclosed locations in Iran.

(4) The IAEA reported it began investigating this matter pursuant to Iran’s IAEA safeguards obligations in 2019.
(5) On March 5, 2022, the IAEA and the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran announced an agreement wherein Iran committed to provide the IAEA with information and documents in response to the IAEA’s questions related to uranium particles discovered at undeclared sites in Iran.

(6) On June 6, 2022, the Director General of the IAEA stated that “Iran has not provided explanations that are technically credible in relation to the Agency’s findings at three undeclared locations in Iran. Nor has Iran informed the Agency of the current location, or locations, of the nuclear material and/or of the equipment contaminated with nuclear material, that was moved from Turquzabad in 2018.”.

(7) On June 8, 2022, the IAEA Board of Governors overwhelmingly adopted a resolution calling on Iran to cooperate with the IAEA on an urgent basis to fulfil its safeguards obligations and expressing profound concern with Iran’s insufficient substantive cooperation thus far, with 30 Board Members voting in favor, two voting against, and three abstaining.

(8) The IAEA Board of Governors’s resolution called upon Iran to “act on an urgent basis to fulfill
its legal obligations and, without delay, take up the Director General’s offer of further engagement to clarify and resolve all outstanding safeguards issues.”.

(9) Shortly before the IAEA Board of Governors’s vote adopting the resolution, Iran announced it would remove 27 IAEA cameras installed to monitor the separate issue of Iran’s JCPOA commitments at certain Iranian facilities and Iran has since followed through on disconnecting these cameras.

(10) Following the vote of the IAEA Board of Governors, Iran informed the IAEA it would install additional cascades of advanced IR-6 centrifuges at its Natanz facility;

(b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that it—

(1) reiterates its commitment to ensuring Iran will never acquire a nuclear weapon;

(2) supports the important work of the IAEA in safeguarding nuclear material around the globe;

(3) condemns Iran for its lack of transparency and meaningful cooperation with the IAEA on the unresolved matter of uranium particles discovered at
undeclared sites in Iran and additional escalatory actions related to its nuclear program; and

(4) applauds the IAEA Board of Governors’ resolution urging Iran’s full cooperation with the IAEA on outstanding safeguards issues on an urgent basis.